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Why Do U.S. Taxpayers Subsidize Cuban Jews?

• U.S. man arrested for spying reveals funneling of your taxpayer dollars to foreign religious group

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The imprisonment in Cuba of an American man points toward a long-standing "dirty secret": U.S. taxpayer dollars — in flagrant violation of the U.S. Constitution and the tradition of separation of church and state — have bankrolled the affairs of the Jewish community, not only here in the United States but now even in Cuba.

Here's the story: In 2009, Alan Gross — a Maryland man working as a contractor in so-called "pro-democracy" activities for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) — was charged by the Castro regime with "actions against the integrity of the state."

Convicted of spying — which Gross and the U.S. government deny — Gross was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Now, Jewish leaders and American politicians are demanding the ailing man's release on humanitarian grounds.

Whether Gross was a spy remains to be proved, but it is known that USAID has often provided cover abroad for operatives of the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies.

However, considering the intense interest shown in the Gross case by the Jewish community — Gross is Jewish — some have speculated Gross may have been a spy, but working for Israel rather than the United States (even though he was on the U.S. payroll.)

In any case, what Gross definitely was doing in Cuba — admitted by Jewish community newspapers and the mainstream media — is what is interesting: Subsidized by U.S. tax dollars, Gross was providing technology and support for three Cuban Jewish communities to assist them in gaining Internet access.

While Americans have been told for generations that their tax dollars may never provide funding for any religious group, that is precisely what Gross was doing for the Jews of Cuba.

Although Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtenin (R-Fla.) — of Jewish extraction — has been a loud champion of Gross's cause, her office — pressed by AFP — was unable to explain why Gross's actions were not un-Constitutional or why the Cuban Jews were receiving special treatment at U.S. taxpayer expense.

In fact, there is no indication USAID has come to the Internet support of any other religious group in Cuba but the Jewish community.

This should come as no surprise, considering the fact that — here in the United States — Jewish organizations run by Jews for Jews annually receive billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars, local, state and federal.

On September 26, 1995, the Palm Beach (Florida) *Jewish Journal* published a story entitled "Study shows Jewish agencies highly dependent on federal government" reporting that "Jewish communal agencies receive more than $3.67 billion from federal, state and local governments, representing about 41 percent of their total budgets." Such funding continues to this day.

This means a nationwide taxpayer-subsidized religious politico-socio-economic superstructure underwrites — with U.S. tax dollars — a considerable level of activity by American Jews.

Congressional offices assure concerned citizens that these Jewish agencies that reap billions of tax dollars are actually "cultural" — not religious — organizations.

The Alan Gross affair now calls all of this to our attention, inasmuch as American tax dollars are now even subsidizing the affairs of the Jews of Cuba and who knows where else.

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